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SUBJECT: ROMANIAN REQUEST FOR CCC CREDIT FOR FEED GRAINS

REF: (A) BUCHAREST 5750, (B) BUCHAREST 5590, (C) STATE 204181

- 1. ON AUGUST 17, MINISTRY OF FOREIGN TRADE DESK OFFICER ARDELEANU ADVISED EMBOFFS THAT STATISTICAL DATA ON CORN AND BARLEY PRODUCTION/TRADE AS REQUESTED REFTEL C HAD BEEN TRANSMITTED TO GOR EMBASSY IN WASHINGTON ON AUGUST 16. GOR EMBASSY SHOULD BE MAKING OFFICIAL PRESENTATION OF DATA TO USDA IN NEXT FEW DAYS.
- 2. DATA TO BE PRESENTED WILL CONSIST OF FOLLOWING:
- A. CORN (FIGURES IN THOUSANDS OF TONS)

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1976 1977 1978 1979 PRODUCTION 11,583 10,114 X Y

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B. BARLEY (FIGURES IN THOUSANDS OF TONS)

1976 1977 1978 1979

PRODUCTION 1,231 1,859 2,000 Y

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- X NO ESTIMATE POSSIBLE DUE TO DROUGHT CONDITIONS, DELAYED MATURATION, AND LONG PERIOD OF TIME REMAINING TO HARVEST.
- Y NO FIGURE PROVIDED.
- Z ENTIRE AMOUNT TO BE IMPORTED FROM U.S.
- 3. ACCORDING TO ARDELEANU ENTIRE AMOUNT OF CORN AND BARLEY IMPORTS WILL BE USED FOR LIVESTOCK FEED. GOR WOULD LIKE TO BEGIN MONTHLY CORN DELIVERIES OF APPROXIMATELY 120 THOUSAND TONS IN SEPTEMBER 1978. ARDELEANU INQUIRED IF FIRST SHIPMENT COULD BEGIN IN SEPTEMBER EVEN IF OFFICIAL APPROVAL OF CCC REQUEST BY USDA WOULD REQUIRE MORE TIME. SHIPMENT OF BARLEY IS NOT DESIRED UNTIL CY 1979.
- 4. COMMENT. DEPARTMENT AND USDA WILL NOTE THAT IN CASE OF 1977 IMPORTS OF CORN AND BARLEY GOR DID NOT PROVIDE COUNTRY OF ORIGIN. WE HAVE BROUGHT THIS POINT TO ARDELEANU'S ATTENTION. HE PROVIDED ONLY VAGUE RESPONSE REFERRING TO INSIGNIFICANT SIZE OF THESE IMPORTS. IF NECESSARY, EMBASSY WILL PRESS FOR MORE DETAILED DATA. LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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5. IN DESCRIBING INTENDED USE OF THESE IMPORTS,
ARDELEANU REPEATED OFFICIAL RESPONSE NOTED REFTEL B
THAT PROSPECTS FOR GOOD CORN CROP ARE QUITE BLEAK DUE TO
DROUGHT CONDITIONS. END COMMENT.
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